

REMARKS

Claims 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Narumi et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because the cited reference does not disclose an information pattern including servo information formed on a surface of a glass layer. The surface of the glass layer has concave and convex shapes of a face of a carbon mold used to form the information pattern.

The Narumi et al. reference discloses that the substrate 2301 is provided with guide grooves 2302 and pits indicating address information (see column 1, lines 15-18). The reference does not disclose that the substrate is provided with an information pattern including servo information. Since independent claims 17 and 19 have been amended to delete "address information", claims 17-19 are now believed to be allowable.

New claims 20-26 have been added to describe the features recited in claims 17-19, but in a method format. Accordingly, these claims are also believed to be allowable.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention. The Examiner should contact Applicants' undersigned attorney if a telephone conference would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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